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(54) **INTRAOCULAR LENS IMPLANT HAVING
EYE ACCOMMODATING CAPABILITIES**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An intraocular lens (38) having focusing capabilities per-
mitting focusing movement of the lens (38) in response to
normal ciliary muscle movement incident to changes in the
distance between the eye and an object under observation is
provided. The lens (38) is designed for surgical implantation
within the capsule (22) of an eye (10) and includes an optic
(40) and a resilient body (46) which cooperate to form a
discoid shaped lens (38) that generally conforms to the
shape of the natural capsule (22). When distant objects are
viewed, the ciliary body (32) is retracted and the capsule
(22) flattens, thus causing the lens (38) to likewise flatten,
moving the optic (40) posteriorly, closer to the fovea (26).
When viewing near objects, the ciliary body (32) contracts,
causing the capsule (22) and thus the lens (38) to expand to
their original shape, shifting the optic (40) anteriorly, away
from the fovea (26). The inventive lens (38) is preferably a
unitarily formed, seamless body preferably comprising a
flexible material which has elastic memory. Suitable materi-
als comprise acrylates and silicone blends.

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